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More Births in 1937

There were 94,286 births registered in California last year, as compared with 84,460 in 1936, and 80,222 in 1935. The rates per thousand population were 14.4, 13.2, and 12.8 respectively. The 1937 rate of 14.4 is the highest that has been recorded in recent years. There were 14,064 more births registered in 1937 than in 1935. This represents an increase of 17.5 per cent.

While this increase in births is found in almost every community of the state, it is noticeable that in the San Joaquin Valley, where large numbers of migratory laborers have been present during the past two years, the increased number of births is particularly conspicuous. In the larger cities of the state, while the increase is noticeable, the rate of increase is not so great as that for the state as a whole. In San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, Oakland, Sacramento, Pasadena and Berkeley there were 42,647 births last year as compared with 36,495 in 1935. This represents an increase of 6,152, or 16.8 per cent. In the eight counties of the San Joaquin Valley where migratory laborers have been present in large numbers (San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madero, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Kern counties) there were 12,402 births registered in 1937 as compared with 9,812 in 1935. This represents an increase of 2,590 or 26.4 per cent in those counties.

Births among members of the white race continued to show an increase in 1937. During that year, the

percentage of white births was 82.3 per cent as compared with 80.8 per cent in 1936 and 80.4 per cent in 1935. The proportion of Mexican births was slightly lower in 1937. In that year 12.9 per cent of the total were Mexicans as compared with 14.4 per cent in 1936 and 14.7 per cent in 1935. A similar reduction is noted in Japanese births and a slight increase is noted in the proportion of Negro births. Births among Indian, Chinese and other races remain at stationary levels. Out of the 94,286 births registered last year, 77,576 were whites, 12,173 Mexican, 1,534 Negro, 1,436 Japanese, 542 Chinese, 436 Indian, 377 Filipino and 212 of other races.

The following table gives the numbers of births and the annual birth rate for the counties of California during the years 1935, 1936 and 1937:

BIRTHS BY COUNTIES						
	1937		1936		1935	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Totals -----	94,286	14.4	84,460	13.2	80,222	12.8
COUNTIES						
Alameda -----	6,939	13.2	5,937	11.5	5,775	11.3
Alpine -----	2	8.3	---	---	---	---
Amador -----	72	8.2	66	7.6	77	8.9
Butte -----	705	19.8	609	17.2	606	17.2
Calaveras -----	64	10.6	60	10.0	47	7.8
Colusa -----	163	15.3	163	15.4	164	15.6
Contra Costa ---	1,101	12.5	940	10.9	1,011	11.9
Del Norte -----	71	12.9	53	9.9	73	13.9
El Dorado -----	140	15.5	151	16.9	106	12.0

	1937		1936		1935*	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Fresno	2,890	19.2	2,570	17.2	2,495	16.8
Glenn	158	14.4	132	12.1	152	13.9
Humboldt	702	15.4	688	15.2	635	14.2
Imperial	1,437	21.3	1,327	20.0	1,349	20.6
Inyo	106	16.2	88	13.4	66	10.1
Kern	2,523	27.1	1,969	21.5	1,645	18.3
Kings	663	24.9	577	21.8	520	19.8
Lake	84	10.7	84	10.9	82	10.7
Lassen	318	22.5	249	17.9	231	16.9
Los Angeles	35,741	13.3	32,027	12.2	30,119	11.8
Madera	484	25.4	322	17.2	275	14.9
Marin	356	7.6	304	6.6	274	6.0
Mariposa	30	8.8	32	9.5	33	9.8
Mendocino	360	15.3	328	14.0	312	13.3
Merced	844	20.4	690	17.0	677	16.9
Modoc	91	10.1	89	10.0	90	10.3
Mono	8	5.3	9	6.1	7	4.8
Monterey	1,038	16.3	936	15.1	907	15.0
Napa	295	12.4	287	12.1	239	10.2
Nevada	286	27.0	246	23.2	225	21.2
Orange	2,052	14.6	1,963	14.3	1,883	14.1
Placer	296	11.1	256	9.7	255	9.8
Plumas	166	18.9	130	15.1	93	10.9
Riverside	1,771	19.1	1,648	18.1	1,619	18.1
Sacramento	2,530	15.7	2,219	14.0	2,147	13.8
San Benito	138	11.3	140	11.6	130	10.9
San Bernardino	2,664	17.0	2,616	17.1	2,452	16.3
San Diego	4,175	16.9	3,890	16.1	3,545	15.0
San Francisco	8,219	12.0	7,283	10.8	7,125	10.7
San Joaquin	1,854	16.6	1,647	14.9	1,580	14.5
San Luis Obispo	483	14.8	465	14.5	436	13.8
San Mateo	653	7.0	563	6.2	557	6.3
Santa Barbara	1,128	15.2	1,117	15.3	1,109	15.5
Santa Clara	2,385	14.7	2,114	13.3	2,029	12.9
Santa Cruz	579	13.9	546	13.3	524	13.0
Shasta	281	19.9	282	20.0	254	18.0
Sierra	17	6.4	26	9.9	35	13.5
Siskiyou	385	13.7	370	13.4	341	12.5
Solano	469	11.4	440	10.7	413	10.1
Sonoma	746	11.3	744	11.4	683	10.5
Stanislaus	1,275	20.1	1,120	18.4	1,056	17.6
Sutter	291	17.8	273	17.0	277	17.5
Tehama	267	18.8	213	15.0	224	15.9
Trinity	21	7.2	40	13.9	46	16.0
Tulare	1,869	22.1	1,662	19.9	1,564	19.0
Tuolumne	142	14.4	113	11.6	106	10.9
Ventura	1,171	18.0	1,126	17.8	1,061	17.1
Yolo	342	13.1	311	12.1	308	12.1
Yuba	246	21.0	210	18.0	178	15.4

Births by races for the years 1935, 1936 and 1937 are as follows:

	1937		1936		1935	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Totals	94,286	100.0	84,460	100.0	80,222	100.0
White	77,576	82.3	68,249	80.8	64,508	80.4
Negro	1,534	1.6	1,305	1.6	1,247	1.5
Indian	436	0.5	429	0.5	401	0.5
Chinese	542	0.6	537	0.6	517	0.6
Japanese	1,436	1.5	1,448	1.7	1,502	1.9
Mexican	12,173	12.9	12,156	14.4	11,752	14.7
Filipino	377	0.4	188	0.2	295	0.4
Others	212	0.2	148	0.2	-----	---

Our country can probably boast of no more courageous a set of heroes than her gallant men who bend over her laboratory test tubes; the sword of science is at constant duel with the physical demons that plague mankind.

TULARE JOINS FULL-TIME UNITS

The Tulare County board of supervisors has approved the organization of a full-time health unit, as recommended by Dr. Elmo Zumwalt, former county health officer, who resigned recently. The new unit will start operation on a full-time basis June 1, 1938, with Dr. Ellis Sox as county health officer. Dr. Zumwalt will act as part-time health officer until his successor's appointment becomes effective.

Dr. Sox has been employed by the California State Department of Public Health as physician to migratory laborers in the San Joaquin Valley. He is now completing a special course of instruction at the University of California.

The Tulare County unit will have the following personnel, all employed full-time: health officer, two sanitary inspectors, four public health nurses, clerk and stenographer.

CHANGES AMONG HEALTH OFFICERS

The city of Hemet in Riverside County has contracted with the county health department, Dr. W. A. Jones, health officer, to carry on the administration of its public health affairs. Dr. Leslie J. Clark has served as city health officer. The city of Indio has also recently transferred its public health administration to the Riverside County Health Unit.

Dr. E. Dwight Barnett has been appointed acting health officer of Sonoma County to succeed Dr. W. L. Olsen.

DEATH COMES TO DR. MENARY

Dr. P. A. Menary, formerly health officer of Sonoma County, residing at Santa Rosa, died recently after an illness of several months. Dr. Menary had served as health officer for his county for many years. He had faithfully attended the annual meetings of the Health Officers' Section of the League of California Municipalities, where his presence will be missed.

DRIED FRUITS RECLAIMED

More than 200,000 pounds of prunes stored in a warehouse were under water for a considerable period of time when one of the state's rivers overflowed. The dried fruit was covered with sediment, making it necessary for the Bureau of Food and Drug Inspection to place a quarantine on the product. More than 170,000 pounds were salvaged and released from quarantine. More than 30,000 pounds were sorted and condemned to be used for hog feed.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Following are the names of the nurses to whom public health nursing certificates were issued at the February meeting of the State Board of Public Health:

CERTIFICATES ISSUED WITHOUT EXAMINATION

Margaret A. Barnett	Elizabeth Linquest
Helen Gene Buck	Marian R. Logan
Geraldine Butler	Elizabeth Hazel Mayo
Ruth Virginia Cawthorne	Jean Christina Messenger
Iva E. Chilquist	Claire E. Morgan
Madora Coombs	Marjorie Rey Newhall
Johanna Marie Desmond	Bertha Osnes
Julia Pauline Erdman	Janet Ostrom
Louise Fisher	Bertha Ruth Patterson
Gertrude Greenhalgh Hendrickson	Carolyn Utting Ragsdale
Thelma Frisbie Houwer	Clara Winifred Sheldon
Audrey Lewis Gaiser	Mary Elizabeth Taylor
Ruth Laverne Gauger	Mildred Gurnett Taylor
Lois Ruby Halloran	Virginia L. Watson
Dorothy Hamilton	Emmaruth Wing
Minerva Jane Hurley	Luella McCarthy

Certificates were granted to the following nurses who passed the public health nursing examination given on December 18, 1937:

Vena C. Barbre	Eva J. Payson
Alice Bishoff	Emma J. Preston
Patricia Ruth Braddy	Elise Puech
Eloise M. Broadway	Ethel H. Reed
Sigrid Hansen Bullard	Ottillie Rightmire
Esther A. Canter	Emma Elizabeth Ritchie
Margaret M. Daigle	Helen Sheppard
Alice C. Divine	Lillian A. Shute
Raamah H. Foster	Dalrie Smith
Catalina Godman	Jeanette E. Snider
Alice Goldstein	Margaret Spencer
Marian A. Hill	Olive Thatcher
Adah Gibbs Kirkpatrick	Agnes N. Thompson
Nora B. Limberg	Eugenie Tinkham
Edna M. Long	Marion Milburn Tobian
Irma A. Martin	Katherine M. Volk
Lillian C. Miller	Georgia L. Walker
Olive Meryl Nicklin	Mariam D. Wood

DENTIST APPOINTED TO STATE BOARD

Governor Frank F. Merriam has appointed V. A. Rossiter, D.D.S., of Santa Ana to membership on the California State Board of Public Health. Dr. Rossiter is the eighth member of the board, his appointment having been provided through an amendment to section 372 of the Political Code enacted by the 1937 session of the Legislature.

Everyone should order his daily life so as to have some leisure, for it is during such parts of the day that many important decisions are made. Then a man has time to think quietly and to do some of the things, like reading, that make for his mental growth. If work tends to get him into a rut, leisure lifts him out again. If work is not carrying him to a proper goal, it is often during leisure that he discovers the fact and directs his course anew.

DISEASES REPORTABLE IN CALIFORNIA

REPORTABLE ONLY

ANTHRAX	MALARIA*
BERIBERI	PELLAGRA
BOTULISM	PNEUMONIA (Lobar)
COCCIDIOIDAL GRANULOMA	RELAPSING FEVER
DENGUE*	ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER
FLUKE INFECTION	SEPTIC SORE THROAT
FOOD POISONING	TETANUS
GLANDERS***	TRICHINOSIS
HOOKWORM	TULAREMIA
JAUNDICE (Infectious)	UNDULANT FEVER

ISOLATION OF PATIENT

CHICKENPOX	OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM
DYSENTERY (Amoebic)	PSITTACOSIS
DYSENTERY (Bacillary)	RABIES (Animal)
ERYSIPELAS	RABIES (Human)
GERMAN MEASLES	SYPHILIS
GONOCOCCUS INFECTION	TRACHOMA
INFLUENZA	TUBERCULOSIS
MEASLES	WHOOPING COUGH
MUMPS	

QUARANTINABLE

CHOLERA***	SCARLET FEVER
DIPHTHERIA	SMALLPOX
ENCEPHALITIS (Epidemic)	TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID FEVER
LEPROSY	TYPHUS FEVER
MENINGITIS (Epidemic)	YELLOW FEVER***
PLAGUE***	
ACUTE ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS	

* Patients should be kept in mosquito-free room.
*** Cases to be reported to State Department of Public Health by telephone or telegraph and special instructions will be issued.

ANOTHER HUMAN DEATH FROM RABIES

A laborer in Los Angeles, aged 57, died in the General Hospital of rabies on March 12, 1938. The history of the case, prepared by Dr. Hyman I. Vener, Assistant Epidemiologist in the Los Angeles City Department of Public Health, reveals that the patient was bitten on the second finger of the right hand about February 22. He had been bitten by a small brown dog which was lying in the street, apparently dead. When the laborer attempted to pick up the sick dog, the animal bit him and ran away. No attention was paid to the bite and no thought was given to the matter until after the onset of the illness.

A brown spaniel dog at the same time was responsible for biting seven other persons, three of whom were in the vicinity of the accident to the laborer. It is, therefore, reasonable to presume that the same dog was responsible. It is quite probable that this event occurred prior to the time indicated, as considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining reliable data because of the violent illness of the patient who died within twenty-four hours after entering the hospital.

MORBIDITY

Complete Reports for Following Diseases for Week Ending
March 12, 1938

Chickenpox

1189 cases: Alameda County 4, Alameda 2, Albany 21, Berkeley 7, Oakland 70, Piedmont 1, San Leandro 11, Amador County 1, Chico 1, Contra Costa County 1, Martinez 2, Crescent City 1, El Dorado County 1, Fresno County 53, Fresno 6, Arcata 1, Imperial County 23, Calexico 23, Kern County 8, Bakersfield 1, Delano 19, Kings County 2, Los Angeles County 109, Alhambra 2, Azusa 7, Beverly Hills 1, Compton 4, El Monte 1, Glendale 33, Glendora 1, Huntington Park 1, Inglewood 6, Long Beach 69, Los Angeles 139, Monrovia 1, Montebello 2, Pasadena 14, Redondo 2, San Marino 1, Santa Monica 9, Sierra Madre 1, Whittier 4, Lynwood 5, Hawthorne 5, South Gate 1, Bell 4, Gardena 1, Madera 1, Merced County 10, Monterey County 4, Orange County 19, Fullerton 4, Santa Ana 9, Laguna Beach 3, Auburn 1, Roseville 5, Riverside County 7, Riverside 4, Sacramento 19, San Bernardino County 32, Redlands 1, San Bernardino 3, San Diego County 25, Coronado 27, National City 1, San Diego 57, San Francisco 64, San Joaquin County 12, Manteca 1, Stockton 9, San Luis Obispo County 2, Arroyo Grande 1, San Luis Obispo 1, San Mateo County 15, Burlingame 1, Daly City 1, San Mateo 1, Santa Barbara County 10, Lompoc 14, Santa Barbara 17, Santa Maria 4, Santa Clara County 1, San Jose 6, Santa Cruz County 1, Santa Cruz 2, Watsonville 1, Benicia 1, Santa Rosa 1, Stanislaus County 11, Ceres 21, Modesto 20, Turlock 1, Red Bluff 3, Lindsay 7, Porterville 1, Sonora 39, Santa Paula 1, Yolo County 4, Placentia 1.

Diphtheria

46 cases: San Leandro 1, Richmond 2, Fresno County 1, Lake County 3, Los Angeles County 3, Los Angeles 10, Redondo 1, Torrance 1, Fairfax 3, San Bernardino County 2, El Cajon 1, San Diego 4, San Francisco 3, San Joaquin County 1, Santa Clara County 2, Mountain View 1, San Jose 1, Sunnyvale 1, Tulare County 3, Tulare 1, Ventura 1.

German Measles

28 cases: Alameda County 1, Alameda 1, Albany 1, Berkeley 1, Fresno 1, Glendora 1, Long Beach 5, Los Angeles 3, Pomona 1, Orange County 1, San Diego 1, San Francisco 9, San Jose 1, Ceres 1.

Influenza

54 cases: Fresno County 1, Kern County 7, Los Angeles County 8, Alhambra 4, Glendora 1, Huntington Park 1, Los Angeles 13, Bell 1, Merced County 3, Riverside County 1, Blythe 1, Ontario 1, San Francisco 2, Santa Clara County 1, Santa Cruz 1, Ceres 1, Tulare County 1, Lindsay 1, Sonora 5.

Measles

357 cases: Alameda County 2, Berkeley 2, Oakland 2, San Leandro 1, Chico 1, Fresno County 35, Fresno 1, Glenn County 4, Humboldt County 1, Imperial County 8, Kern County 64, Bakersfield 3, Kings County 4, Los Angeles County 6, Alhambra 1, Glendora 4, Huntington Park 1, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 3, Los Angeles 13, Santa Monica 1, San Rafael 1, Merced County 10, Merced 1, Napa County 1, Orange County 11, Anaheim 1, Fullerton 1, Huntington Beach 2, Santa Ana 2, Placentia 7, Riverside County 12, Hemet 13, Sacramento 7, San Bernardino County 1, Ontario 7, San Diego County 2, San Diego 27, San Francisco 1, San Joaquin County 4, Tracy 1, San Luis Obispo County 1, San Bruno 1, Lompoc 1, Stanislaus County 11, Modesto 1, Turlock 2, Tulare County 11, Exeter 5, Lindsay 31, Porterville 2, Ventura County 4, Oxnard 11, Santa Paula 4, Woodland 1, Marysville 1.

Mumps

563 cases: Alameda 6, Albany 1, Berkeley 1, Emeryville 3, Oakland 52, San Leandro 2, Contra Costa County 10, Fresno County 62, Fresno 30, Sanger 6, Kern County 20, Bakersfield 14, Tehachapi 2, Los Angeles County 20, Arcadia 1, Beverly Hills 1, Burbank 4, Compton 1, El Segundo 3, Glendale 9, Huntington Park 3, Long Beach 37, Los Angeles 17, Montebello 4, Santa Monica 2, Maywood 1, Madera County 1, Madera 2, Medocino County 3, Fort Bragg 27, Monterey County 1, Napa County 1, Calistoga 1, Orange County 2, Fullerton 1, Newport Beach 1, Orange 1, Santa Ana 1, Laguna Beach 1, Roseville 22, Sacramento 4, San Diego County 15, El Cajon 2, Escondido 2, La Mesa 1, National City 11, Oceanside 1, San Diego 17, San Francisco 54, San Joaquin County 2, Stockton 1, San Luis Obispo County 1, Santa Barbara County 1, Santa Barbara 1, Santa Maria 1, Santa Clara County 4, San Jose 4, Santa Cruz County 4, Santa Cruz 6, Watsonville 1, Stanislaus County 18, Modesto 4, Oakdale 12, Turlock 2, Lindsay 1, Porterville 7, Ventura County 2, Santa Paula 1, Yolo County 2, Woodland 4.

Pneumonia (Lobar)

100 cases: Contra Costa County 1, Fresno County 5, Bakersfield 1, Los Angeles County 5, Glendale 1, La Verne 1, Los Angeles 45, Whittier 1, Orange County 1, Anaheim 1, Newport Beach 1, Riverside 2, Sacramento 2, San Bernardino 1, National City 1, San Diego 2, San Francisco 23, San Joaquin County 1, Lompoc 1, Stanislaus County 1, Tulare County 1, Winters 1, Woodland 1.

Scarlet Fever

248 cases: Alameda County 1, Albany 1, Berkeley 4, Oakland 4, San Leandro 1, Chico 1, Pittsburg 1, Richmond 4, Fresno County 22, Fresno 3, Kern County 1, Bakersfield 1, Taft 1,

Kings County 4, Los Angeles County 19, Alhambra 3, Azusa 2, Burbank 1, Compton 1, Culver City 2, Glendale 2, Inglewood 1, Long Beach 11, Los Angeles 47, Monrovia 1, Pasadena 7, Whittier 1, Torrance 1, Hawthorne 1, Maywood 1, Merced County 1, Merced 2, Monterey County 1, Orange County 3, Fullerton 2, Santa Ana 4, Laguna Beach 1, Placer County 1, Riverside County 2, Riverside 1, Sacramento County 6, Sacramento 1, Rialto 2, San Bernardino 1, Upland 1, San Diego County 4, Escondido 1, San Diego 5, San Francisco 13, San Joaquin County 2, Lodi 1, San Mateo County 1, Burlingame 1, Santa Barbara County 1, Santa Barbara 2, Santa Maria 3, Santa Clara County 12, Gilroy 4, San Jose 1, Watsonville 3, Sierra County 2, Healdsburg 1, Turlock 1, Tulare County 6, Sonora 1, Ventura 1, Ojai 3.

Smallpox

24 cases: Fresno County 2, Los Angeles County 1, Los Angeles 4, Plumas County 8, Riverside 1, Loyalton 1, Exeter 3, Sonora 1, Yuba County 2, California 1.*

Typhoid Fever

5 cases: Long Beach 1, Merced County 1, San Joaquin County 1, Tulare County 1, California 1.*

Whooping Cough

552 cases: Alameda County 3, Alameda 9, Albany 1, Berkeley 21, Livermore 2, Oakland 46, Piedmont 5, San Leandro 8, Contra Costa County 14, Concord 5, Martinez 2, Fresno County 16, Fresno 11, Imperial County 2, Kern County 25, Bakersfield 1, Taft 1, Lake County 10, Los Angeles County 11, Alhambra 6, Long Beach 3, Los Angeles 9, Montebello 1, Lynwood 1, Bell 1, Madera 1, San Rafael 14, Yosemite National Park 3, Napa County 2, Orange County 2, Anaheim 1, Brea 1, Orange 1, Santa Ana 2, La Habra 2, Auburn 5, Roseville 2, Sacramento County 1, Sacramento 50, Isleton 1, Ontario 1, Redlands 2, San Diego County 15, Coronado 1, La Mesa 3, National City 4, Oceanside 1, San Diego 26, San Francisco 66, San Joaquin County 22, Manteca 3, Stockton 15, San Luis Obispo County 5, Paso Robles 1, San Mateo County 3, Burlingame 5, Daly City 1, San Bruno 2, San Mateo 2, Santa Clara County 10, Gilroy 1, Palo Alto 14, San Jose 6, Santa Cruz 1, Siskiyou County 1, Solano County 4, Santa Rosa 1, Stanislaus County 2, Oakdale 13, Sonora 14, Yolo County 5.

Meningitis (Epidemic)

3 cases: Imperial County 1, Sacramento 1, San Francisco 1.

Dysentery (Amoebic)

2 cases: Fresno County.

Dysentery (Bacillary)

6 cases: Kern County 1, Los Angeles 3, Merced County 2.

Pellagra

3 cases: Fresno County 1, San Francisco 1, San Luis Obispo County 1.

Poliomyelitis

One case: San Diego.

Trachoma

3 cases: Los Angeles County 1, Santa Cruz 1, Turlock 1.

Encephalitis (Epidemic)

One case: Colusa County.

Paratyphoid Fever

One case: Los Angeles.

Trichinosis

4 cases: San Diego 2, Santa Clara 1, Santa Rosa 1.

Food Poisoning

13 cases: Los Angeles County 3, San Francisco 10.

Undulant Fever

4 cases: Los Angeles County 1, Huntington Park 1, Sonoma County 1, Petaluma 1.

Tularemia

One case: Fresno.

Coccidioidal Granuloma

5 cases: Kern County 2, Kings County 1, Madera 1, Tulare County 1.

Septic Sore Throat

One case: Los Angeles County.

Rabies (Animal)

38 cases: Los Angeles County 6, Burbank 2, Culver City 1, Glendale 1, Huntington Park 1, Inglewood 2, Los Angeles 13, Pasadena 1, South Pasadena 2, Gustine 1, Stanislaus County 1, Ventura County 7.

*Cases charged to "California" represent patients ill before entering the state or those who contracted their illness traveling about the state throughout the incubation period of the disease. These cases are not chargeable to any one locality.